Wages not paid under NREG scheme

†319. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint to the effect that the work under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme under many Gram Panchayats has not yet started or wages not paid;

(b) if so, the names of the States from which the complaints have been received alongwith the number of such complaints; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total of 28 such complaints have been received from 12 States. Names of the States and the number of complaints received from each State are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number of complaints
1.	Assam	3
2.	Bihar	6
3.	Chhattisgarh	1
4.	Haryana	1
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1
6.	Jharkhand	2
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2
8.	Maharashtra	1
9.	Orissa	2
10.	Uttar Pradesh	7
11.	Uttarakhand	1
12.	West Bengal	1
	TOTAL:	28

(c) Implementation of NREGA is done by the State Governments in accordance with the Employment Guarantee Scheme formulated by each State. Panchayats at District, Intermediate and Village level are the principal planning and implementing agencies. All complaints received in

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the Ministry have, therefore, been referred to the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Beneficiaries of SSS pension

†320. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of beneficiary freedom fighters, their widows and other eligible dependents under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Yojana as on date;

(b) whether Government has received complaints about fake claim of pension by freedom fighters and also about some genuine freedom fighters running from pillar to post and facing near starvation to get pension; and

(c) whether Government has adopted any mechanism to examine the veracity of cases to get rid of fake freedom fighters and protect the genuine one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Since the inception of the Scheme in 1972, pension has been sanctioned to about 1,70,483 freedom fighters and their eligible dependents till 31.1.2009. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below). This Ministry does not have the exact number of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents presently living and drawing pension.

(b) Complaints containing allegation of bogus/fraudulent claims for freedom fighter's pension are received from time to time. All such complaints are examined with reference to the applicable provisions of the pension scheme in consultation with the concerned State Governments. Only cases where the allegations are sustained, the claims are rejected.

(c) The claims of Central Samman Pension are considered only when these are duly verified by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration in accordance with the provision of the Scheme. The Central Government takes its decision on the basis of prescribed eligibility criteria and evidentiary requirements of the Scheme.

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Beneficiaries of SSS Pension

Sl.No.	State/Union Territory	Pensions sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,648
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0

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